Ag Conference Call Notes
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9 a.m.

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Use Correct Loss Factor for Application:
Staff and MMP preparers are reminded to use the appropriate Nitrogen Application Losses in Appendix A7. Surface application with covering by a coulter within 24 hours is a loss factor of .95. It is not the same as injection which is a .98 loss factor.

Original NMP:
If it's an original NMP, they can use inadequate soil sampling (as long as it's less then 4 years old) to prepare their P-index and RUSLE calculations. Producers who use inadequate soils sampling must submit corrected and complete sampling with new P-index and RUSLE calculations within one year.

Site Surveys:
When the specialist does a site survey make sure that an MMP due date is present in the database and if not give it a due date. If the animal units are missing, make sure to fill that in as well.

Septic Systems:
If you find improper septic systems at AFO facilities, such as those that discharge to the manure storage or to a ditch, be sure to get the situation corrected. Talk to your supervisor or wastewater specialists in your office if you are not sure how to correct the situation.

NPDES Permits:
Open cattle lots of 1,000 head or more are required to obtain NPDES permits if they anticipate that a discharge could occur. If they will not ever discharge they do not need to obtain an NPDES permit. DNR would highly encourage getting an NPDES permit, but we can not require one. Be reminded that they do need an NMP in either case.

Measuring to a Cemetery:
Cemeteries should be measured at the property line, not the nearest grave, etc. when obtaining separation distances for construction.

MMP and NMP:
The new NMP form and the updated MMP form are now posted on the website.

The next Ag Conference Call will be on Wednesday March 21st at 9 a.m. Please mark your calendars.

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